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Laboratory Director Receives Presidential Award

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....Lawrence W. Reiter, Ph.D., Director of the U.S. EPA's National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in Research Triangle Park, NC, has received the prestigious Presidential Rank Award, the highest honor presented by the White House to government employees in recognition of outstanding achievement in public service. The award recognizes Reiter's leadership in defining and strengthening the vital role of science at the EPA.

The prestigious Presidential Rank Awards are given annually by the White House to recognize outstanding achievements in public service over a period of three or more years.

Reiter oversees the largest research organization within the Office of Research and Development with 700 federal employees and an annual budget of \$120 million. Under his leadership, the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory has produced science used for key regulatory decision-making in the areas of air pollution, drinking water and pesticides and in supporting risk assessment and test guidelines at EPA. The award recognizes Reiter's efforts to restructure the laboratory's health research program and identifying new emerging research programs, among other accomplishments.

Reiter began his distinguished career at EPA in 1973 as a scientist in neurotoxicology. As the first director of EPA's Neurotoxicology Division, Reiter established a major neurotoxicology research program that has become a world leader. He has served as director of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory and a predecessor laboratory prior to reorganization since 1988. He also served as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator in the EPA's Office of Research and Development in Washington, D.C. in 1998.

A native of Kansas City, MO, Reiter received his B.A. in chemistry from Rockhurst College in Kansas City and his Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Kansas Medical Center. Reiter has been a member of the Society of Toxicology since 1974.

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